


CHAILEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for 1941.

Mr. Chairman, Miss Moulson and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Reports for 1941 and 1942. These have been considerably reduced in length in accordance with the directions received from the Ministry of Health in Circulars 2604 and 2773. It is satisfactory to note that the epidemics anticipated have not materialised. I wish to express my great appreciation of the services rendered to the Council by the Sanitary Inspectors, Mr. Kent and Mr. Helmer.

Your obedient servant,


 W.R. DUNSTAN
 Medical Officer of Health.

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WATER SUPPLY. The extension of the main to Ringmer proceeded satisfactorily during the year. The private water-mains serving part of the parish were purchased and, by the end of the year, 231 consumers were being supplied by the Council. Further work is proceeding. Close co-operation is being maintained with the Water Engineer, Mr. R. P. Cheale concerning the purity of the supply. Samples are taken monthly. All of these were found to be satisfactory. Samples of water from other sources submitted for analysis numbered 29.

PUBLIC CLEANSING. The fortnightly collection of the disposal of house refuse continues as formerly.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING SCHEME. This service continues to do good work.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL. Of the five sewage disposal works serving the parishes of Ringmer, West Firle, Barcombe, Newick and Ditchling none can be considered as satisfactory. All are in need of reconstruction or extension.

MEAT INSPECTION. There are no official slaughter houses operating in the district. All animals killed for private use are inspected.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION. Total immunised 1,725. Under 5 years 456. Over 5 years 1,269.

SCABIES. Cases in unaccompanied evacuees were treated in the Nevill Road Hospital owing to the difficulties that arose owing to the billets having other children as contacts. Comparatively few cases occurred in local residents.

TUBERCULOSIS. Notifications received 30. Pulmonary 21. Non-pulmonary 9.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. Notifications received. Paratyphoid 1. Scarlet Fever 14. Whooping Cough 31. Measles 69. Pneumonia 11. Puerperal Pyrexia 1.

CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITALS.

{1} Chailey 12.
 {2} Hove 2.

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WATER SUPPLY.

The extension of water mains to Ringmer was completed during the year, 60 new consumers were added during the year. The close co-operation with the Water Engineer, Mr. R. P. Cheale continues and regular sampling is maintained. 26 samples of water from other sources were submitted for analysis.

PUBLIC CLEANSING .

The fortnightly collection of house refuse is maintained.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING SCHEME.

A new cesspool emptying machine was purchased during the year to replace the original machine now kept in reserve.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The difficulties experienced in maintaining the sewage disposal works in the parishes of Ditchling, Ringmer, West Firle, Newick and Barcombe continues to increase.

MEAT INSPECTION .

The knackers yards are licensed in the area, at one of which horses are slaughtered for human consumption.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Total immunised 282. Under 5 years 134. Over 5 years 148.

SCABIES.

An arrangement was entered into whereby the District Nursing Associations agreed to the cleansing of scabies cases being undertaken by the district nurses at a fee of 3/- per completed case. Most of the cases occur through the return of children to town leading to reinfestation.

TUBERCULOSIS. Notifications received 27. Pulmonary 16.
Non-pulmonary 11.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. Notifications received. Scarlet Fever 7.
Whooping Cough 5. Diphtheria 3. Measles 10. Pneumonia 4.
Puerperal pyrexia 2. Cerebro-spinal fever 3. Erysipelas 3.

CASES ADMITTED TO HOSPITALS.

(1) Chailey 8.
(2) Hove 2.

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